

Felix Grundy to Andrew Jackson, June 27, 1822, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

FELIX GRUNDY¹ TO JACKSON.

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Confidential.

Nashville, June 27, 1822.

Dear General, It will not be in my power to pay you the promised visit. The absence of Mrs Grundy, who has gone to see our daughter at Gallatin, prevents my leaving home. The subject to which I wish your attention is this, Your friends, wish to know, whether there is any cause, unknown to them, which would render it improper in them to exercise their own discretion and Judgment, in bringing forward your name in such way as may be thought best, for the office of Chief Magistrate of the U States at the approaching Election. The Gen'l Assembly will meet on the 22nd of next month. Then is the time, to take a decisive step. I have latterly been so much engaged in my professional pursuits, as not to have attended to political matters of this kind at a distance or in other parts of the Union. But I think I know the people of Tennessee. Of the Unanimous vote of this State, no doubt need be entertained. Indeed, I believe the anxiety of many on this subject is increased by the consideration, that it will afford the Citizens of this State an opportunity of refuting the Slander which has gone abroad, That, "You are not popular at home; by which the people of this State are indirectly charged, with ingratitude and insensibility to your public

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services. Will you deliberate on this subject, and when you come to Nashville, I will call on you, etc. yr friend